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Second Meeting of the UNU Migration Network

UNU-GCM coordinates the UNU Migration Network, formed by researchers in the field of migration from various UNU Institutes. This network held its second meeting on 25th January 2014 in Maastricht, hosted by UNU-MERIT and chaired by UNU-GCM. It was an exciting time for the Network. Members were able to put the final touches on some innovative initiatives to be announced soon and develop working relationships in key areas. There is significant overlap of interest between the member institutes of the Network, with a diverse range of disciplinary and geographic expertise. As a result, collaborative projects provide a means for working in new ways and developing new sorts of results. The Network hopes to use its expertise base to work with an expanding range of other United Nations Agencies, Governmental and Non-Governmental Organisations. The Network meeting also afforded an opportunity for members to reaffirm their commitment to the United Nations High Level processes in International Migration and Development, and to integrating migration into the Post-2015 United Nations Development Agenda. The next meeting will be held in Bonn in April.

A World in Motion: UNU-GCM at conference in Maastricht

UNU-GCM Research Fellows presented emerging results of current research projects in the final conference of the IS Academy Migration and Development project, 'A World In Motion' on 22nd-24th January 2014. The conference was hosted by UNU-MERIT and the Maastricht Graduate School of Governance. Dr Tendayi Bloom presented on 'The Business of Migration Control: Delegating Migration Functions to Private Agents and the Implications for Stateless Persons', while Dr Valeria Bello gave a presentation on 'Virtual Belongings: The Role of Skype on both Immigrants' Integration and Decisions and Perceptions of those Left Behind'. Other researchers at the conference presented on different regions of the world and the discussions revolved around the opportunities and challenges related to migration and development, and the complexities of this relationship.

Profile: Àngels Fàbregues, New Administrator at UNU-GCM

Àngels Fàbregues joined UNU-GCM in January 2014 as Administrator. She holds a BA in Library and Information Science from the University of Barcelona. As an expert in administration, human resources, accounting and file management, she aims to implement administrative needs and develop them, focusing on the Institute's strategic plan, in line with the UNU System. Interested in and concerned about culture, she has always been involved in the book world, either in bookselling or publishing. She is a former administrator of a bookshop specializing in supplying books to public libraries.

Upcoming Lecture: Samir Amin, Globalization, Lumpen Development and Stateless Migration

UNU-GCM is pleased to announce a Guest Lecture by Professor Samir Amin on February 20 2014, on the occasion of the World Day of Social Justice. More information, as well as how to book, can be found on our website: <http://gcm.unu.edu/index.php/events/lectures/235-globalization-lumpen-development-and-stateless-migration>

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